

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**


Claims 1-10 are currently pending. Claims 1-8 have been amended to replace the phrase "characterized in that" with "wherein" to provide proper antecedent basis for terms recited therein and thereby to conform to U.S. practice. Claims 3-6 have been amended to depend solely on Claim 1, and Claim 8 has been amended to depend solely on Claim 6 thereby eliminating any multiple dependencies and more clearly defining the Applicants' invention. In addition, the element numbers have been removed from Claims 1-3 and 6-8 in accordance with U.S. practice. New dependent Claims 9 and 10 have been added and are directed to elements previously claimed in claims 4 and 6, respectively. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by these amendments, and request entry thereof prior to examination on the merits.

**AUTHORIZATION**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4791-4005. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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